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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 April 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 7 and 8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3, 4, 7 and 8 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CS-100)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 02/17/06 & 03/17/09
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

The following office action is a responsive to the Amendment filed, 04/14/09.

Applicant's election with traverse of Group I in the reply filed on 04/14/09 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that there is no lack of a special technical feature for the group of inventions claimed. This is not found persuasive because there is a lack of a special technical feature for the group of inventions claimed by applicant. This is further supported or corroborated by the rejection set forth below.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 04/14/09.

The amendment filed 04/14/09 affects the application 10/568,715 as follows:

1. Claims 1-2, the invention of Group I are prosecuted by the examiner.

Claims are 3, 4, 7 and 8 are withdrawn.

2. The responsive is contained herein below.

Claims 1-4, 7 and 8 are pending in application

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 recites the phrase "if appropriate". However, this phrase renders the claims indefinite. More specifically, it is unclear what is appropriate or when it is appropriate or not appropriate. Similarly, the claim recites the phrase "in free form". However, it is unclear what constitutes a free form.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morozik (EP 375393 A1).

Claim 1 is drawn to a compound of a given formula or, if appropriate, an E/Z isomer, E/Z isomer mixture and/or tautomer thereof, in each case in free form or in salt form.

Claim 2 is drawn to a pesticide composition which contains at least one compound of the formula (1) as active agent and at least one auxiliary.

Morozik teaches a subgenus that is fully embraced by the instant claim. Morozik discloses a subgenus of applicant's claimed compound wherein m is 0 or 1, R₂ is OR₅ and X is O, and R₅ is loweralkyl and R₁ is alpha branched C₃₋₈ alkyl (see claims, especially claim 1; see also abstract). It should be noted that the terminal group of applicant's compound of formula (1)

wherein R_2 is OR_5 and X is O and R_5 is $C_{3-8}alkyl$ (including the bridging O) corresponds to the loweralkoxycarbonyloxy represented as R_5 in Morozik's subgenus (see claims, especially claim 1; see also abstract). In addition, Morozik discloses that such compound can be used in a composition or medicament to treat parasitic infections (which includes plant parasitic infections or infectious diseases) (see claims, especially claim 1; see also abstract). Furthermore, Morozik discloses that a carrier can be used in said composition (see claims, especially claim 1; see also abstract).

Morozik does not recite a specific compound, but suggests a compound that read on the claimed invention (see claims, especially claim 1; see also abstract).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the claimed invention was made to have prepared any of the compounds suggested by the subgenus of Morozik in order to use them to treat parasitic infections.

One having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated, to prepare any of the compounds of a subgenus with a reasonable expectation that the compounds would have the utility of the subgenus as a whole. Therefore one skilled in the art would have been motivated to make specific compounds of the subgenus of Good et al. in order to treat parasitic infections.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael C. Henry whose telephone number is 571-272-0652. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.30am-5pm; Mon-Fri. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shaojia A. Jiang can be

reached on 571-272-0627. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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